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Applicant : EBATA, A. et al.
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NETWORK STORAGES VIRTUALIZED INTO A SINGLE FILE
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the application prior to examination, as follows:

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 2 of this paper;

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper; and

Remarks begin on page 19 of this paper.